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CONFERENCE CONSIDERS CANADA'S FARM SITUATION

Agriculture Is Reviewed from Many Angles

Farm Industry Represented by People Who Know What They're Talking About

MINISTER GIVES OUTLINE

Farm Production Still Makes Things "Tick" in Alberta Says Gardiner

By M. McDUGALL, Press Gallery Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Dec. 15th. — Although the latest Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference has now passed into history, it has left behind it as an aftermath the feeling that these conferences where agricultural affairs can be discussed with freedom are genuinely worthwhile.

An important point about the proceedings has been (as was the case in previous meetings) not only that agriculture was represented by people who knew what they were talking about, but that these representatives for the most part had open minds and were willing and anxious to discuss their problems from all angles. These meetings are unquestionably helpful to governments and to farmers themselves as well as their organizations.

Prices by Years Reviewed

In his review to the Commons, Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture, gave gross and net returns to farmers from 1949 to 1953. From the end of the war to 1949 there was a steady increase under both heads. The net returns in 1949 were \$1,640 million (which for comparison purposes is put at 100%); in 1950 it was \$1,448 million (88%); in 1951 it was \$2,188 million (133%); in 1952 it was \$1,950 million (119%) and in 1953 \$1,720 million (105%).

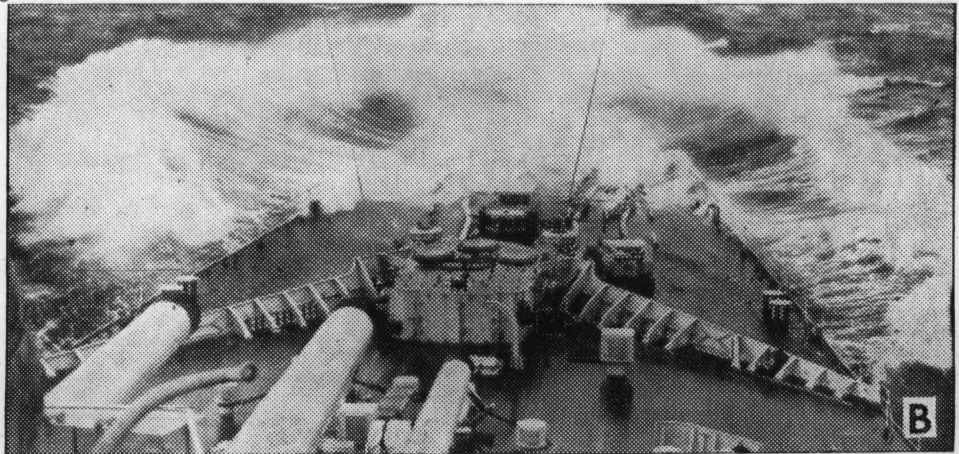
In 1951, prices for farm products were high; for example 32 to 34 cents a pound for beef, slightly under 30 cents for hogs, fairly high price for cheese, and price for butter about on level with today.

For wheat, barley, oats, prices were very high. Of the feelings of the farmers in regard to prices, the minister said he had travelled widely among farmers, and while feelings are held that wheat should hold about where it has been for past ten years no farmer had felt that it could be hoped that cattle prices could stay at the 1951 level. So to with hog prices in relation to 1953 prices. Farmers throughout the country "have their situation well in hand and know pretty well what it is".

Co-operative Marketing Legislation

The minister described to the house the working of the co-operative marketing legislation in force for some years, under which organizations

Fight With Sea Features NATO Manoeuvres



Stormy seas made it rough going in Exercise Mariner, a recent test of some 300 ships, 1,000 aircraft and 500,000 men of nine N.A.T.O. nations, including the U.S., Canada and Britain, against a simulated attack that ranged

from the Arctic to the Mediterranean. The bow of H.M.S. Vanguard, mighty British flagship of 42,500 tons, is seen crashing through a giant wave. The sea hit back and smashed one of Vanguard's lifeboats.

Major Decisions Face F.U.A. Convention

With membership higher than at any previous time since the Farmers' Union of Alberta came into being, (nearly 24,000 on latest reports) a big convention is expected, state officials of the F.U.A. It is thought there may be some 700 delegates, and several hundred visitors.

The convention will be held in the Alberta College Auditorium, Edmonton, December 7th to 11th inclusive. The annual get-together and dance will be held on Tuesday evening, the 8th, the dance in the main auditorium, and a social evening in the basement.

Relations of the F.U.A. with the Alberta Federation of Agriculture will come up for consideration. Among the 150 resolutions which are being printed are one suggesting amalgamation with the A.F.A., and another calling for withdrawal of the F.U.A. from the Federation.

Some Leading Speakers

W. C. McNamara, Assistant Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat

which wish to market their own products are guaranteed an amount not greater than 80 per cent of the price of the product over the previous three years. This is to put them in a position to go to the banks and make their arrangements for money to make advance payments to producers.

The 80 per cent of the previous 3 years guarantee is simply a financing deal, not at all setting the price to be received by the co-operatives and their members. The final price naturally would not be determined until the products were sold.

Co-operatives have been steadily coming into the arrangement under

Board will speak on Monday evening, and Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Q.C., LL.D., president of United Grain Growers Limited on Wednesday evening, his subject being "Laws of Particular Interest to Farmers". Other speakers will include Arthur Loyd of B.C. Tree Fruits Limited (Wednesday afternoon) and S. O. Hillerud, of the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta (Thursday morning).

F.W.U.A. Sessions

The F.W.U.A. will hold separate sessions commencing December 8th, with Wednesday afternoon set aside as Junior afternoon. On Thursday evening the F.W.U.A. will hold an auction sale of handicraft articles which Locals have donated.

All Locals are expected to send delegates, and in addition, states President Henry Young, all visitors are cordially welcome to all sessions.

the act passed in 1939. Among recent ones in the West he referred to Alberta forage crop seeds and Alberta Seed Growers Co-operative, as well as the Saskatchewan Forage Crop Co-operative Marketing Association, Ltd., of Prince Albert, and fruit associations in B.C.

What Makes Things Tick

Speaking of Alberta, Mr. Gardiner referred to the statement of an Albertan minister that many spoke of the oil of Alberta wells, and the coal and timber of the province, but actually agricultural production exceeds by \$200 million the aggregate production of everything else. "Farm production is what makes things tick out in Alberta," Mr. Gardiner said.

In relation to the difficulties that

Four Championships Won By Albertans at Chicago

CHICAGO. — World wheat, oats, rye and barley championships were awarded to Alberta growers at the International Livestock Exposition here. Fred W. Hallworth, Taber, got first placing for his sample of Reward wheat; George Snow, Milk River, won the barley championship for the second consecutive year; Chris Morck, Dickson, is the new rye king; and John T. Eliuk, Hairy Hill, is the oats champion. Canadians have won the wheat championship in 25 out of 31 years the show has been carried on.

of course have arisen with the accumulation of stocks that has come from three successive heavy grain crops in the West, Mr. Gardiner stated with his 60 years experience in the West, the one thing likely to cause any great trouble was a crop failure, and unfortunately there was no assurance that they were things of the past.

"Can't Get Greatly Excited"

"No one can get me greatly excited about the fact that we have more wheat piled up in Western Canada than we ever had before." The heavy stock of wheat "protects us against the year when we do not have any crop, and I think we will have those years in the future." If we have a whole year's crop left to be sold it will help under such conditions.

The minister expressed the country's gratitude for the decision of the wheat farmers of the United States to reduce their grain acreage from 78 mil-

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Alberta Wheat Pool Has Another Banner Year

New Records Established in Volume of Grain Handled and in Earnings

THE Alberta Wheat Pool experienced a banner year in 1952-53 establishing new records for both earnings and the volume of grain handled. The earned surplus for the year amounted to \$2,690,737.40, well above the previous high of \$2,413,173.00 set last year.

Handlings through Pool elevators totalled 79,789,409 bushels compared with the previous record of 76,927,178 established in the 1951-52 business year. This information was given delegates by A. T. Baker, general manager, at the early sessions of the Pool's thirty-first annual meeting

which opened in the Palliser Hotel in Calgary on Tuesday, November 24th.

Handle 33% of Marketings

Mr. Baker told delegates that the Pool handled 33 per cent of all grain marketed in Alberta last year. This

ception in 1923, has handled a combined total of 1,313,286,851 bushels through pooling and elevator operations. The gross value of all grain handled was \$1,310,613,946.

A total of \$13,303,162 has been distributed as patronage dividends to member patrons of the Pool country



BEN S. PLUMER, Chairman of Board



A. T. BAKER, General Manager

Merry Christmas -
Western Canada
from EATON'S



is a slight decline from the per cent handled last year and was due largely to the inability of many Pool patrons to patronize Pool elevators because of congestion throughout the greater part of the year.

At the end of the 1952-53 season, the Alberta Wheat Pool owned 486 country elevators situated at 433 points in the province of Alberta and three points in the province of British Columbia. The total capacity of all country grain handling facilities is now 34,414,850 bushels. The first Alberta Wheat Pool Elevators were built in 1925.

Modern Terminal Elevators

The Alberta Wheat Pool owns modern terminal elevators at Vancouver and Port Arthur. The Vancouver terminal has a capacity of 5,150,000 bushels and the Port Arthur terminal has a capacity of 2,000,000 bushels.

The Alberta Pool terminal at Vancouver handled a total of 38,436,739 bushels of all grains and 22,122 tons of screenings during the year. The Alberta Pool shipments westward totalled 30,500,000 bushels and shipments eastward totalled 23,413,791 bushels, most of which went through the Alberta Pool terminal at Port Arthur which is operated under a joint agreement with the Manitoba Pool Elevators.

Dividends and Reserve Payments

During the 1952-53 crop season, the Pool distributed patronage dividends to the value of \$2,220,123 of which \$569,255 was in cash and \$1,650,860 was in reserves. In addition, reserve purchases during the year totalled \$1,657,811.36 and included purchases of all reserves built up during the 1923-28 period and reserves acquired in recent years by way of patronage dividends and held by estates of deceased members.

Commenting on the outlook for 1954 Mr. Baker ventured the opinion that it is doubtful if elevator handlings would approach the level of the 1952-53 crop year unless the grain movement to terminals can be accelerated.

Twenty-eight Years' Achievement

In the 28 years since the Alberta Pool Elevators commenced operations the country elevators have handled a total of 1,096,421,397 bushels of grain.

The Pool organization, since its in-

elevators. Of this amount \$5,668,984 was paid in cash and \$7,634,178 has been established as reserve credits to individual members.

Cash payments to reserve holders and member patrons for interest, reserve purchases and patronage dividends have totalled \$14,938,237. Original contributions by members to elevator and commercial reserves were \$8,467,830.

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Christmas, 1953

Dear Members, Employees, Consumers:

Time marches on. 1953 will soon be past history, and the season for greetings and good wishes to all is with us.

First, to our Members — With increased production at most of our units, and with the addition of our new units at Calgary and Red Deer, although very substantial sums in capital outlay are being made on our Calgary unit, 1953 should prove to be a satisfactory year of operation.

So, to our old members, thanks for your continued patronage; to the new members, of our old and new units, a hearty welcome to our organization.

Second, to our Employees — Next to loyal members, in any organization, and especially in a co-operative, such as Central Alberta Dairy Pool is, it is essential to have well satisfied, conscientious employees. I believe most of our employees are in this category.

Thirdly, to our Consumers — We can have loyal members, conscientious employees, but without satisfied consumers our organization would not expand. So, to the consumers of Alpha Fluid Milk, Evaporated Milk, Butter, Cheese, Honey, Eggs and Poultry Meats, your patronage helps our members and our employees to build a better organization to serve you better.

So to all three groups, I say:

With Christmas knocking at your door, it's time for this good wish once more:

May extra happiness and cheer help brighten every day next year.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous 1954, is the sincere wish of

Yours Fraternally,

J. A. Wood

Elnora, Alberta.

President.

Producing Quality Milk

DURING the past month we have been working on one of our milk routes in the southern part of our milk territory, with the idea of bringing the milk up to a standard so that it could be used for fluid purposes, the results being most gratifying. To start with, this route of fifty shippers was about 50 per cent low standard milk, but after a couple of calls on each shipper it now stands at 80 per cent top quality milk.

We found that the cause of poor quality milk

was obviously nearly always the milking machine which wasn't being properly cared for. Very few people used any disinfectant at all after washing, and some did not even bother washing at all, just rinsing machine with cold water after using, with the result that milk particles were still to be seen in teat cups and pails. Other people were mixing their warm morning's milk with the night's milk. This habit sets up a chemical reaction almost immediately, resulting in a very low standard of milk.

Care in Straining Needed

In regard to the sediment tests, we still find that some of the shippers are not careful enough in the straining of their milk, some discs being covered with extraneous matter of all kinds. When you realize that this disc has just had one pint of your milk put through it, you can imagine the amount of dirt in an 8-gallon can of milk.

We are continuing to run tests on all milk coming into the Condensery at Red Deer and the

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DATES FOR BUYING TURKEYS DECEMBER - 1953

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BYEMOOR	Martin Grocery	December 11 only
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	Stettler Grocery	December 1-15 incl.
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TROCHU	Central Meat Market	December 4 and 11
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BLUFFTON	Creamery	December 1-15 incl.
BRETON	Breton Cash Store	December 8 only
WINFIELD	Red & White Store	December 7 only
OLDS	Creamery	December 1-15 incl.
NEAPOLIS	Cheese Factory	December 1-15 incl.
RED DEER	Creamery Warehouse	December 1-15 incl.
INNISFAIL	Don Manuel	December 1-15 incl.
	c/o Fred's Food Store	December 1-15 incl.
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MONITOR	Elmer Johnson Store	December 8 and 12
CASTOR	Dunn's Grocery	December 1-15 incl.
VETERAN	R. Burns Store	December 8
AIRWAYS	E. Crooks Store	December 8
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BROOKS	Creamery	December 1-15 incl.
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ANOTHER RECORD POOL YEAR

Reports presented to the delegates attending the annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool in Calgary indicated that in the past fiscal year all previous records, both in volume of grain handled and in earnings have been surpassed.

Members of the Pool have every reason to be gratified by the results, which include the distribution of patronage dividends totalling \$2,220,123, while purchases of reserves totalled \$1,657,811. Mr. Plumer and the Board and Management and staff are to be congratulated on a notable achievement.

Proceedings are dealt with at some length in this issue. The meeting is still in progress, and will be further reported in our next issue.

LEW HUTCHINSON RETIRES

After 30 years' service as a director of the Pool, including four years (1937 to 1941) as chairman, Lew Hutchinson announced last week that he would not seek re-election.

Mr. Hutchinson took a prominent and active part in the campaign which led to the organization of the Pool in 1923. He served on the provisional board of trustees and has been a director ever since. He has given conscientious and devoted service, and his ability and his shrewd business judgment have been important factors in the Pool's development. As first president of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, he had major responsibility in the launching of the Federation which he headed for several years. He has been Alberta producers' representative on the advisory council of the Canadian Wheat Board, and has served the grain growers as well as the livestock industry in other important fields. His fine personality has won him wide esteem.

At the banquet on Monday evening, tributes to Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, paid by Ben Plumer in a happy little ceremony, brought a sincere and warm response from the delegates and guests.

While we are sure Mr. Hutchinson will appreciate the "lazy boy" chair which was a gift to him from the delegates, we venture the prophecy that he won't spend too much time in it, but will continue to give a good deal of his leisure in service to the farm movement and other good causes.

STRENGTH IN UNITY

When W. J. Parker, president of the Manitoba Pool Elevators, addressed the annual meeting of the U.F.A. Co-operative in Calgary, he stressed the vital role which co-operatives play in the protection of the agricultural industry, not only in the field of grain marketing, but in other fields — and he made very clear the need for a united movement.

The Wheat Board, he pointed, is not a method of marketing which was "offered" to the farmers. Its conception came from the farmers themselves, through their organizations.

"It is very important," Mr. Parker added, "to maintain strong farm organizations. The

Christmas

Now Christmas wields its sweet and changeless power

To strengthen faith that peace shall come on earth.

Goodwill flows through our lives and seems to flower

In harmonies of tenderness and mirth.

Now homeward speed the travellers to share

The pleasures of the family fireside,

While willing hands the Christmas feast prepare,
And eager hearts the Christmas gift provide.

We love the symbols of the joyous day,

And strive their gay traditions to maintain.

But, were the gloss and glitter swept away,

The spirit that is Christmas would remain—

God's gift to us on that first Christmas morn,
When in the lowly manger Christ was born.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

main strength of agriculture lies in the co-operatives. The U.G.G. and the three Pools together have more influence in marketing policy in Canada in the farmers' interest because they are actually engaged in the handling of grain. Those who have acquired experience in handling your poultry and dairy products, your livestock and your seed, are able to serve your industry better in influencing policy in these fields, because they know about marketing in its various aspects.

"We should use our co-operatives to do our marketing, and the consumer co-operatives are just as important in serving our interests in buying.

"The outcome of the work of the old educational organizations of the farmers has been the formation of large co-operatives which tend to take much away from those organizations; but these educational bodies are needed. Your Co-operative Union of Alberta is needed. "Agriculture is stronger when integrated, by the catalytic factor that brings all branches together. In our national organizations, we take with us all groups."

Just as the strength of Canada as a nation depended upon its being unified — not "balkanized" — so the farm organizations depended for success upon unity.

"I plead with you," Mr. Parker concluded, "for unity in the co-operatives, and in the whole farm movement."

CONGESTION NOT THE TROUBLE

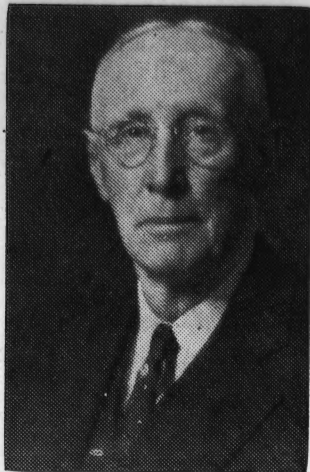
"Contracting markets, continued increase in operating and living costs and declining prices for farm products caused by incessant demands of industry, business, labor, and the professions for greater monetary returns, place farmers in a precarious position, with declining prices on most agricultural products. This, and not the congestion of grains, is the means by which farmers are becoming involved in an economic squeeze.

"Some of the present chatter in respect to congested markets would seem to infer that the present stocks of grain are a calamity. In reality, they are a God-given bounty. Our experience in the past has been that surplus periods are followed by periods of more than normal demand." — Roy Marler, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

CRUCIAL SENTENCES OMITTED

"When Brownell presented his testimony in the Harry Dexter White case in the Senate subcommittee, he was omitting two crucial sentences from the February 1, 1946, FBI report on White... (which) were frank admissions by J. Edgar Hoover... that he didn't have the evidence to convict White and that he couldn't get such evidence insofar as past offences went. In other words, the only hope of trapping White was to keep on watching him. Mr. Truman may have been wrong in 1946 in continuing White in office under surveillance, but it was those sentences, written by J. Edgar Hoover, that did it. Those sentences have never been published. Brownell has them." — The New Republic.

Concludes Thirty Years Service as Director



Concluding thirty years' service on the board of directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, including four years as chairman, Lew Hutchinson, above, last week announced his decision to retire. He was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1870, was educated in the U.S. and farmed there before coming to Alberta in 1900. He settled at Duhamel, where he carried on wheat growing and mixed farming.

Mr. Hutchinson is succeeded by Gerald Oberg, Forestburg. Re-elected to the Board were Nelson Malm, Vauxhall, Ben S. Plumer, Bassano, and Walter Mueller, Spirit River. Directors elected a year ago, for two years, are R. C. Bell, Carstairs, G. L. Harrold, Lamont, and W. J. Blair, Naco.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson were honored at the annual banquet of the Pool (held just before our press time) which will be reported more fully in our next issue. They received an ovation from the assembled company.

Ayrshire Club Elects Officers

R. F. Smith, Calgary, was elected president of the Alberta Ayrshire Club at the annual meeting held in Calgary last week. Vice-president is H. A. Ness, De Winton, and secretary-treasurer R. H. Marston, Calgary. Directors are A. C. Anderson, Brooks; A. L. Young, Brooks; J. Richards, Red Deer; and C. Borrett, Calgary. A. W. Anderson, Calgary, was named Director on the board of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association.

A program for the year was drawn up, and it was decided to nominate as judges in the Ayrshire Division for 1954 R. Stansell, of Ontario, for Calgary, and Rowland Ness of Calgary, for Edmonton.

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lion acres to 62 million. This reduction of 16 million acres is two-thirds Canada's entire crop. Americans attending the conference spoke on the wonderful production of soya beans and other farm products.

Anti-Foot-and-Mouth Programs

Concerning surpluses of livestock products, the heritage of the foot-and-mouth disease, there remains on November 25th about 20 million pounds of canned pork and 9 million pounds of frozen carcass beef (from the triangular deal with New Zealand). The total cost of cattle and hog programs carried out while fighting foot-and-mouth disease is estimated at \$60 million (including \$32 million already recouped by vote of parliament).

Received Brewers' Trophy

Along with the top barley award at the Royal Winter Fair recently, George S. Snow, Milk River, received the \$2,000 permanent World Barley trophy presented by the Dominion Brewers Association, an engraved silver tray, and a cheque for \$100.

Breeders to Meet

The annual meeting of Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association will be held Monday afternoon, December 14th, announces M. E. Hartnett, secretary. The Sheep Breeders will meet on Tuesday morning, the 15th, and the Swine Breeders on Tuesday afternoon. All meetings will be held in the offices of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, and a joint banquet will be held at the Palliser Hotel on Tuesday evening.

NEVER NEEDED WHEAT BOARD MORE THAN IN PAST THREE SEASONS

Parker Sees Good Crops Cause for Thankfulness — Critical of Press Comment

"If ever we have needed the Wheat Board it has been this year, and in 1951 and 1952," declared W. J. Parker, president of Manitoba Pool Elevators, Ltd., in addressing the banquet of the U.F.A. Co-operative Association during the week of the annual meeting of that Association. "The risk of carrying the crop would have been beyond the capacity of any speculative group . . . Even if the price had been cut in half, it is doubtful that at this time we should be selling any more wheat."

Exhaustive Analysis of Situation

Mr. Parker, whose analysis of present conditions in wheat marketing was thorough and most ably presented, received at its close a warm tribute of appreciation from the delegates and guests, and a vote of thanks moved by Jake Frey, the vice-president. George E. Church, president, was master of ceremonies. An exceptionally good program of conjuror's magic by G. F. Bouchat, assisted by Mrs. Bouchat, and by Mr. Frey and Mrs. A. T. Baker as volunteer "stooges," added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

Progress in Mutual Understanding

As co-host, R. P. Hunter, manager Maple Leaf Petroleum Limited, welcomed the guests. He spoke briefly of the progress that had been made in mutual understanding in eighteen years' association with the U.F.A. Co-operative. At first, apparently, there had been distrust on each side; at any rate, said Mr. Hunter, the original contract had been so hemmed in with provisions for the protection of the company and other provisions for the protection of the co-operative that it had been extremely complicated. The new contract, however, was relatively simple, indicating a change in attitude on either hand.

Something to Be Thankful for

"I am disturbed at the spate of pessimistic editorials in western papers about the wheat situation," Mr. Parker declared.

"Why should a large crop be a liability? It is something to be thankful for. It would be a great deal more frustrating to have empty granaries."

"The prairies had never known anything to compare with the combination of the three big crops of the past three years," said Mr. Parker. "We can't expect buyers to take that much from us in the same period . . . This big reserve, which is nearly all dry, should be a considerable social asset, and not an economic liability."

The increase in acreage during the past 20 years had not been significantly large. "It is just that, in these recent years, nature has been kind." She had been bountiful in other countries too.

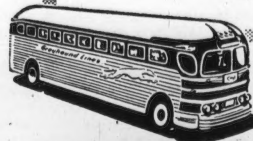
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either. Never before had so much wheat been exported as during the last two years, except of the 1915 crop. The Wheat Board had sold 220,000,000 bushels up to the end of October and there were good prospects that another 400,000,000 would be sold before the crop year's end . . . This year had probably been the largest for deliveries of grain. There was some space opening up in lakehead terminals. The acceptance of de-liveries and the export picture were not much below last year's. Wheat is not Canada's largest single export, and "as long as we have the Wheat Board, the government will be attentive to trade policies." Mr. Parker pointed out that Canada is not now so dependent upon the U.K. market as in the thirties, citing (Continued on Page 8)



Welcome Delegates

to the

Annual Convention

of the

Farmers' Union of Alberta

On behalf of the City of Edmonton Council, and citizens they represent, I am pleased to wish each delegate a successful meeting and an enjoyable visit to Edmonton.

Handwritten signature: H. Hunter

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THE WAR ON WORLD POVERTY

By Alexander CALHOUN, M.A., LL.D.,

THIS is the title of a new book by Harold Wilson (Longmans, \$2.75) President of the Board of Trade in Mr. Attlee's Cabinet, who resigned in protest against the size of the Defence Budget, and was justified in his protest by the subsequent scaling down of this expenditure, in which Mr. Churchill's government concurred when it came into power.

A Grim Story

Mr. Wilson first tells the grim story of the world's poverty, then outlines the steps necessary to remedy it. Slowly it is dawning upon the imaginations of western peoples that the world struggle between democracy and communism will be decided one way or another by full bellies or by empty bellies, rather than by push button atomic warfare.

The world's population of 2,400 million is increasing by 25 to 30 million people a year — two more mouths to feed every three seconds. Of the 2,400 million, 1,500 million have never enough to eat. The 900 million have rather too much to eat, and, on this continent at least the waste is colossal.

This situation is graphically shown by the relative national incomes of the two worlds, the world of relative plenty and the world of ceaseless hunger. The per capita cash income of the U.S. is \$1,450 per annum, of China \$27 and of India \$57.

Having diagnosed the situation, Mr. Wilson proceeds to outline a plan to

During the season when the message, On earth peace, good will toward men, will be reiterated through out the world, it is appropriate that we should turn our thoughts to "the things that belong to our peace" in our own day and generation. One of the most important (perhaps in the long run the most important) of these, is the successful waging of the war against world poverty, the subject of the important book which Dr. Calhoun reviews on this page. The views of the British economist and statesman, Harold Wilson, closely parallel those of Lord Boyd-Orr, which have been presented from time to time in these pages.

meet it, a world plan. Nothing else is adequate. The rich nations must provide annually, presumably for many years, the sum of 10 billion dollars, or approximately 3 per cent of their total annual income, (3 per cent of Canada's national income would be about 700 million dollars).

This will implement the recommendations made by a group of experts appointed by the Secretary-General of the U.N. These call for the establishment of an international economic committee under the U.N. to co-ordinate and direct the aid to underdeveloped countries. (It is worth noting in passing that Canada has consistently joined the U.S. and Great Britain in voting against the plan).

It is estimated that this plan would increase production in underdeveloped countries by 2 per cent per annum, and eventually meet the food shortage. It is not inappropriate to remind my readers that Canadian experts have been working in India and Ceylon, under the Colombo Plan, to step up food production, including the catch of fish in Ceylon. The plan merely calls for a ten-fold stepping up of the tempo of existing aid.

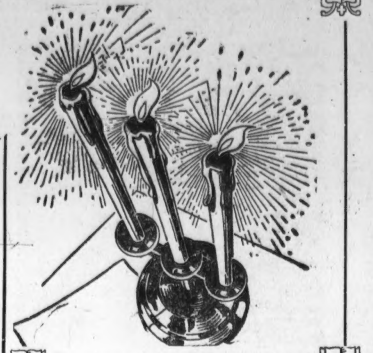
How much are we now spending on preparations for war? I cannot give the exact figures, but it must be close to 20 per cent of our national income. It is over 20 per cent in the case of the U.S.

Three Main Agencies

There are three main agencies trying to cope with this problem at the present time: The Colombo Plan, the U.N. Technical Assistance Program, and the U.S. Point Four Plan, plus several U.N. Special agencies such as the Food and Agricultural Organization (F.A.O.), and the World Health Organization (W.H.O.). This latter agency devotes its energies to conquering tropical diseases like malaria and yaws, thus increasing the efficiency of workers and so of food production.

Mr. Wilson estimates the total outlay of all these agencies at present, as between \$1,000 million and \$1,500 million per annum. This is heartening news. I had not realized that the work had reached this magnitude. Nothing like this effort has ever been put forth by the Western world before.

Now all this is very familiar ground to the readers of this journal, which has consistently publicized the work and plans of F.A.O., and of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (I.F.A.P.), with which latter



Canadian farm organizations are affiliated, and, in particular, the work of Lord Boyd-Orr, former head of F.A.O., a great missionary nutritionist pleading in behalf of a hungry world, and father of the idea of a world food bank.

The Startling Contrast

Against this situation, we in the West cannot but set in startling contrast and urgency the swollen granaries and bursting food warehouses of this continent. The problem of Canada's surplus grain seeking markets is undoubtedly in the forefront of our minds today. It is a pressing problem. The suggestion that our wheat acreage be cut, that we cut down production, runs counter, I feel sure, to the deepest instincts of our Western farmers.

They have always felt happy in producing food for the hungry people of the world, and they would, I feel sure, feel a sense of frustration if the only solution to their grain marketing problems lay in reduced acreage.

The proposals of Lord Boyd-Orr and F.A.O., and those of IFAP, are designed to dispose of surpluses by a method which would safeguard the position of producers—so that these surpluses would not again threaten agriculture with disaster such as occurred in the 1930's.

The Two Things Fit Together

Now it so happens that the present world situation has a very definite relation to this problem. The two things fit together like the parts of a jig-saw puzzle.

I need not remind my readers that Russia has rejected the West's proposals for a Four Power Conference on Germany and Austria, which means that Russia is unwilling to agree to a strong re-united Germany rearmend in alliance with the Western powers. Russia is no doubt influenced by the growing economic strength of West Germany and the resounding victory of Chancellor Adenauer in the recent German elections. (Since the above was written, Russia has surprised western statesmen by announcing acceptance of their invitation to a Four Power Conference. The significance of this apparent change of attitude is being variously interpreted, and the issue is still in doubt.—EDITOR)

Stalemate in Asia

Turning to the other side of the world, the Korean truce negotiations for prisoner exchange are bogged down, and the hopes of achieving (Continued on Page 11)

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Books On The Christmas Tree

By

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ONCE upon a time there was a beautiful Christmas Tree. It stood in the centre of the room and was covered from the highest twig to the great branches which swept the floor with colored lights and tinsel balls. There were toys of all kinds, from flaxen haired walking dolls to airplanes that really could fly.

But the tree was not happy. A great sigh shook some pine needles to the floor. At that moment Petunia the silly goose walked into the room. She had come to see how her friend the tree fared, for they had been friends for a long, long time.

"My goodness," honked Petunia, "you look beautiful; but you seem very wily — is anything the matter?"

"I don't know what it is," sighed the tree, "but I don't feel right — something seems to be missing."

Petunia walked slowly around the tree and muttered to herself: "Lots of lights, colored balls, a train, dolls, games, a wonderful airplane, candy canes, doll-carriage . . . good gracious, Piney, you have everything but the one thing I think is terribly important. Don't you remember the time I found a book, and learned to read and so became very clever about helping my friends? Well, that is what you are missing . . . books . . . and no proper Christmas tree could be happy without books."

"Oh, Petunia," moaned the tree, "where on earth can we get books now? It is too late, and my whole day will be spoiled."

"Now Piney, just you leave something to me," honked Petunia as she ran from the room. She returned in a very few minutes with Charles the rooster, and between them they were dragging a very heavy box. "Here we are . . . careful of the lights, Charles . . . now, off with the lid," cried Petunia.

The tree bent ever so slightly to see what was happening. In a moment the lid was pried off the box, and there lay the promised books, all shining new — big ones and little ones, thick ones and thin ones, red, green, yellow, blue. The

tree shook with delight. "Quick, Petunia, help me find places to put them," he quivered, and every little Christmas bell tinkled with joy.

"Come, Charles," cried Petunia, "big books at the bottom and the small ones at the top." Soon Petunia and Charles were busy unpacking the books. Suddenly Charles cackled, "Look, Petunia, here is a new book about you." "Yes indeed," answered Petunia, "my new book is called *Petunia Takes a Trip*, and in it I fly to the big city for a visit and have a most exciting time. And here is a new story about your friend, Freddy . . . don't tell me he has a space ship. How that pig does get around . . . And will you look at this one; nobody we know, is it?"

Charles bent over the book to get a better look, but the Christmas Tree could bear it no longer. "Please, please, Petunia, hold the books up so I can see; and speak louder so I will know what they are about too," he begged.

"Sorry, Piney. Now this last one is called *Pet of the Met*, and it is a story about a family of mice that live in a violin case in the attic of the Metropolitan Opera House. Let's hang it away up here where everyone will be sure to see it." Petunia dived into the box and brought out a large book. Charles gave a whoop when he saw the title: "Petunia, look, it's a new Madeline, and it's called *Madeline's Rescue*. Why was she rescued?" "She fell in the river," said Petunia, "It was very sad, but it has a happy ending. Poor Madeline, she gets into more trouble than Curious George. And speaking of him, here is the new one called *Curious George Rides a Bike*."

"What's a Caboose?" asked the Christmas Tree, peering under one branch. "You mean Chuggy and the Blue Caboose, don't you?" said Petunia. "Well, a caboose is the end

car on a train, and one day this little blue caboose escaped from a circus train, and if it hadn't been for Chuggy it would have had a very sad story."

"Speaking of Circuses," said Charles, "Why is this called *The Thirsty Lion*?" "That is a very glad story about a lion who loves ginger pop . . . Charles, do you remember Babar?" pursued Petunia, "Well, here is a nice shiny blue book all about Babar and his cousin Arthur . . . my, what a scamp he is!" "Oh, there are lots of books about Babar," said Piney, "and I would like that one under this arm if you please."

"I wonder why anyone would write a book about a carpet," mused Charles, holding up *The Red Carpet*. "Because it was a very special red carpet," answered Petunia, "It was magic". She whispered the last bit; and Piney, who was stooping down to listen suddenly straightened and said, "I wonder whatever became of the lovely lady who wrote the wonderful books about magic many years ago?" "Do you mean *The Five Children and It* and *The Treasure Seekers* and *The Phoenix and the Carpet*?" "Yes indeed," Piney sighed, "those were the best stories I ever heard . . . too bad we can't get any more of them."

"Now isn't this a coincidence," laughed Petunia as she pulled a rather thick book out of the box, "Here comes one right now—*The Enchanted Castle* by E. Nesbit. Won't the children be happy when they see this?" "I like animal stories best," said Charles, "Here you are," said Petunia — *Mr. Popper's Penguins*. Now this is a story you will like; it's all about a house-painter who gets a penguin for a pet, and then another, and then a lot more until he has to give them the refrigerator to live in, and . . . "Don't tell me any more, Petunia," said Charles, "I will have to read that myself."

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Rambling With the Federation Secretary

By James R. McFALL

THE fall months are the most interesting, challenging and the busiest of the year for the Federation.

Take for example a recent week, November 16th to 20th. We had invitations to attend three different farm conventions: the U.F.A. Co-op, the Alberta Seed Growers' Co-op, and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts annual meet.

True, we should attend every one, full time, but can we? Why, Don has his radio program to prepare; Mr. Marler as this is written is at the Dominion Provincial Agricultural Conference at Ottawa. After being away there for a week, he will be in Calgary on invitation to attend the Alberta Wheat Pool annual meeting at Calgary. That leaves me.

Well, this is the start of the Farm Radio Forum session, which entails a lot of work. By the way F. F. is away to a nice start. We have 37 groups registered. Seven of these are new groups. Another interesting feature is the number of new secretaries appointed in the older groups. This means sharing the work and not letting George do it all.

We hope to have some interesting information resulting from the broadcast on crop insurance. Our whole purpose in sponsoring this program was to try and get your ideas. Do you want some type of crop insurance, and if so, what? That's up to you to say, not the Federation.

It is interesting to note that the U.G.G. delegates have asked that crop insurance be studied further. Well, if you want a full picture of the U.S. policy, be sure and attend the A.F.A. Annual Meeting, Wednesday, December 16th, at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary. We asked for one speaker from Montana, and are getting two. They either have something very worthwhile, or something hard to sell!

Oh! I forgot to tell you about the joint meeting of the A.F.A. Experimental Farm Committees, held in Edmonton the other day. I had a carefully prepared and well thought out report for their consideration. What do they do? Throw it out the window, and say, "Go back boy, and do it again."

You will get a chance to review, and endorse the perfect re-write, at the A.F.A. Annual Meeting. Don't make me re-write it, please.

The U.F.A. Co-op directors' report had some kind words about the Federation. Do you suppose they meant them? I am going to send them a bill for 1954 dues, shortly, and see.

Seriously, those kind words are appreciated, but please, dear reader, remember the Federation alone can't federate any group of organizations; that it is the organizations that federate to form a Federation.

In between times, folks, we are preparing reports for the Annual Meeting — you know, just to tell you what a good job we are doing. There is one report you won't appreciate though — financial . . .

Don't, Don't, Don't miss the annual meeting, December 15th, 16th and 17th, at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary. There will be issues up for discussion that will demand the best from all of you, and free drinks if you can get some one to buy.

It's quitting time, and Norman Smith wants these notes for tomorrow morning, so if he doesn't throw them in the waste paper basket, you will see them in print.

See you at the Annual Meeting.

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the various other customer countries in various parts of the world.

Regrets U.S. Farmers' Action

The speaker regretted that certain farmer organizations in the U.S. were

seeking restrictions against Canadian imports. Canada's imports of farm products from the U.S. were several million dollars in excess of her exports to that country.

The U.K. did not refuse to sign the I.W.A. because of the \$2.05 maximum. There was no obligation to buy at the ceiling; the only obligation was to pay not less than the \$1.55 minimum. The U.K. government was supporting domestic agricultural prices, and could not object to moderate price support in Canada, where our policy had been sounder in floor prices than that of the U.S.

Their negotiating team had consisted of civil servants, with no cabinet representation, and the leader of the British government was at the time a sick man. The U.K. government, he believed, had not had very good advice.

We should have to sell competitively on the U.K. market, but the need for our wheat continued as before. (Resolutions will be dealt with in our next issue.)

About Three New Grasses

SCOTT, Sask. — Three new grasses which have been under test in recent years may be used for special purposes on particular soils, but are not likely to become as important as brome grass or crested wheatgrass, in the opinion of D. E. Forsberg of the Experimental Station here. They are intermediate wheatgrass, tall wheatgrass and Russian wild rye. Tall wheatgrass has alkali or salinity tolerance and the Russian wild rye is reported to stand up relatively well in hot, dry weather.

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THE Wise Woman made her way through the snow to the cottage where her two little elf friends, Pennytop and Pip, lived. It was Christmas Eve and she carried a large hamper which contained Christmas gifts for the two elves.

Pennytop and Pip thanked the Wise Woman very much indeed and, when she was gone, they pushed the hamper underneath the Christmas tree with the rest of their presents.

"We have a lot to do in the kitchen getting ready for tomorrow's Christmas dinner, haven't we?" yawned Pennytop.

"I have done it all," said Pip. "The turkey is ready to go in the oven, I made the pudding weeks ago, the mince pies are baked and the vegetables are peeled."

"You are clever, Pip," said Pennytop, admiringly.

"It's not a case of being clever," said Pip, somewhat severely. "It is just hard work on my part! You, Pennytop, can dust the rooms and lay the table as your share — first thing in the morning, mind! It should have been done today, really."

"Well, I've been so busy, you know," said Pennytop, hastily. "What with — er — and — um — and —"

"You've simply been visiting your friends," retorted Pip.

"Never mind, Pip," said Pennytop. "I'm making a Christmas resolution, instead of a New Year one! I am going to do all the housework, in future."

"Hmm!" sniffed Pip. "That was what you said last year. Never mind, you must dust the house in the morning whilst I cook the dinner."

And, agreeing eagerly, Pennytop followed Pip into their little bedroom, where soon they both lay fast asleep.

It was a lovely Christmassy day the next morning. Pip hurried downstairs, and cooked the breakfast — Pennytop seemed extra tired! When they had finished, Pip hurried into the kitchen to wash the dishes.

"You do your dusting whilst I wash up Pennytop," panted Pip, rushing about as fast as he could.

"Then we can open our presents."

"Just like him!" grumbled Pennytop. "Fancy thinking about dusting on Christmas morning! I'm dying to see my presents. I wonder what the Wise Woman has brought us. I've a jolly good mind to peep."

Now this was a dreadful thing to do and Pennytop was very naughty even to think of it, but he raised the lid and looked inside the hamper.

Pip was clattering the dishes in and out of the sink at such a speed, it was a wonder they didn't break. He, too, was anxious to see the presents.

He hurried back into the room and there was Pennytop standing by the open hamper which the Wise Woman had brought them.

"Oh! you pig," cried Pip. "You've opened the hamper without me."

Then he saw Pennytop's face.

"Why, what's the matter?" Pip asked. "What is our present?"

"Look!" cried Pennytop. "The card says 'To Pennytop and Pip,' and it's a SCRUBBING BRUSH!"

"Don't be silly, Pennytop," said Pip, coming to him and taking the present in his hand. "It's a wonderful toy bus. I've always wanted one of these."

Pip squatted on the floor and ran the present up and down.

"You look awfully silly running a scrubbing brush up and down like that," said Pennytop crossly.

"It's not a scrubbing brush!" exclaimed Pip.

But Pennytop was lifting out the next of the old woman's gifts.

"This one is for 'Pennytop and Pip,' too," he said. "I hope it's better than the last."

"You couldn't have anything better," said Pip. "Really, Pennytop —" Then he gave a gasp as Pennytop untied the parcel. "What a wonderful scarf!" he cried. "We'll have to take turns wearing that, Pennytop. What lovely colors in it!"

"Pip! What do you mean?" cried Pennytop, indignantly. "It's a horrid yellow DUSTER!"

"Nonsense!" retorted Pip. "It's a lovely scarf — see how nice it looks round my neck."

"It looks awful," shouted Pennytop, nearly crying. "I'm going to open the last parcel and see if that's any better. OH!" he groaned, as he pulled away the paper. "It's a big piece of SOAP!"

"Really, Pennytop, you must be crazy!" declared Pip. "This is chocolate. Look, I'll take a bite to show you!"

"UGH! Do stop it! It's soap I tell you!" cried Pennytop. "I would just like to have that old Wise Woman here!"

... That very moment, there was a little flash and a bump and, sure enough, there was the Wise Woman.

"Thank you for the wonderful presents!" cried Pip. "Though Pennytop is not as pleased as I am, I'm afraid," he added, sadly.

"I'm not surprised, said the Wise Woman, "The gifts you SEE are the gifts you deserve! Pennytop has been lazy and you have done all the work, Pip, so now you are having the fun."

Pennytop's tears began to fall and the Wise Woman prodded him with her stick.

"Take out the rest of the parcels from the hamper," she told him.

"There aren't any more," Pennytop sniffed. "I emptied it myself."

"You must have missed some, because I see more," said the old woman, still prodding.



And — magically — three more parcels had appeared in the hamper! All were addressed to Pennytop, and they looked the same to him as Pip; a toy bus, a scarf and some chocolate! And when Pennytop looked again at the first presents, he saw them as they really were, and not as a scrubbing brush, a duster and a piece of soap!

Well, Pennytop was so pleased that he gave the cottage quite a house-cleaning — although it was Christmas! By the time the Wise Woman returned to share the elves' Christmas dinner, the whole place shone like a new pin.

"What a lovely day it's been!" sighed Pip, as he crawled into bed that night.

Dear Pip," said Pennytop, squeezing his friend's arm. "I really will be a better elf from now on!"

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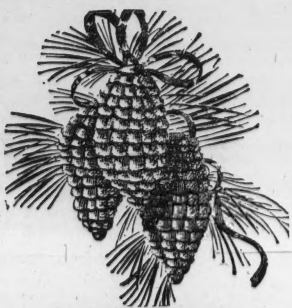
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A report on the annual meeting of the Alberta Seed Growers' Co-operative by Col. J. McK. Hughes will be published in our next issue.

A general average price of \$794 for the 56 head offered was secured at the eleventh annual All-Canadian Holstein Sale in Toronto recently.

HEADS "IMPARTIAL" COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Clarence Manion, recently appointed by President Eisenhower to head the "impartial" commission which will decide whether public enterprises shall be turned over to private enterprise or to control of the states, stated in a recent panel discussion, in answer to Gilbert Harrison, publisher of **New Republic**, "I think TVA should be sold to private business."



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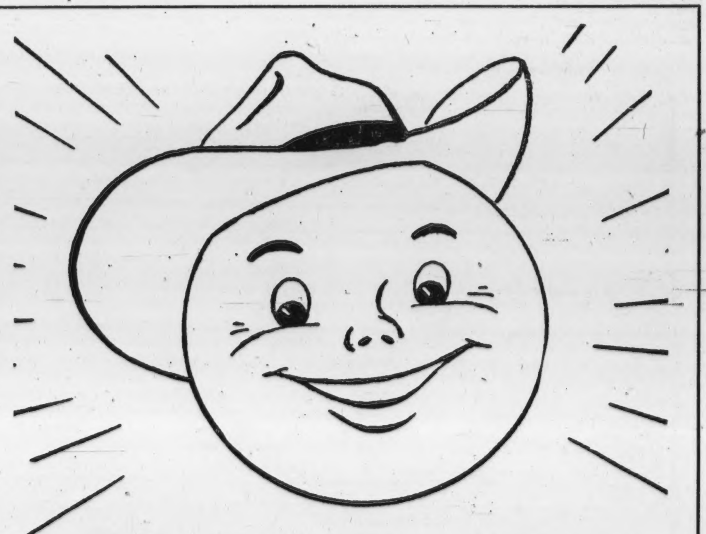
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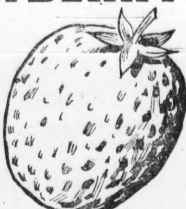
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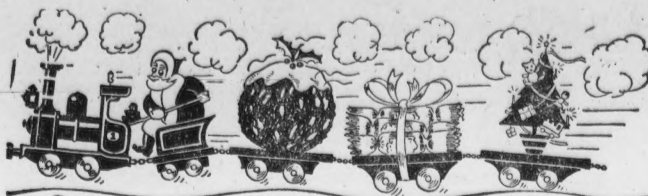
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**Recalling Happy Christmas Incidents**

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The other day when a friend was in, he repeated a poem which I liked very much. I liked the way in which the sentiment was expressed, and I considered that a very wise one. It was reminding us of the old philosophy — of the wisdom of forgetting the past, and not worrying about the future, but of living the present.

Very sage advice, especially to anyone given to regretting the mistakes of the past which can not be rectified or of thinking "How different it might have been — if only!" Also, equally sound, is the advice to those who may possibly be known to other members of their family as "old hens" because of their great tendency to conjure up possibilities of the future which are rather unhappy.

One of Day's Great Pleasures

But every rule has its exception, has it not? And surely the rule about forgetting the past does not apply to Christmas? In fact, I think to all save those who could be listed as the young members of the family, recalling the happy incidents of the Christmases of the past is one of the great pleasures of the day.

We may go back many, many years in our memory to a doll or a knife or a book or some small trinket that seemed almost to make life for us at the time. On up through the years we may go, forgetting the uneventful but remembering different pleasures which at different times in our life made indeed for a merry Christmas. There was possibly the stage, for instance, of getting home for Christmas, to be followed, oh, so quickly, in our review, of looking forward to others coming home for Christmas.

If we were to begin to talk these features over together we should no doubt find a wide variety, and that would be especially noticeable in this new country, where Christmas customs were brought from over the seas, from the south of us and from our northerly neighbor like Iceland.

There would probably be some who would insist that Christmas has become merely a day of giving a beauti-

fully wrapped present with the hope of getting one in return. Of course, those who feel that way about it can stop it or prove its truth by simply refraining from giving one for a time!

Certainly the wrapping, which is so very often so very pretty, has become more of a feature of Christmas than in the old days. Many of us, I think, can remember when our presents went naked and unadorned into the Christmas stocking or on to the tree. And to some, I think, is given the ability to enjoy the work of others in wrapping rather than do much themselves.

But despite the customs that some may not like which have crept in, there are few I think who would like to have Christmas Day taken from the calendar year. Rather, it is a day when life can be enriched for others. It is a day when our thoughts may well turn to greater good will in thought and action in our family and in our community; and beyond those boundaries, nationally and internationally, good will among men should be our greatest aim.

And to all who read this, may this Christmas be one more for you and yours to include in your list of "Very Merry Christmases."

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

**Annual Dinner of Wheat
Pool Ladies' Enjoyable
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There are many banner districts in Alberta, it would appear from roll call answers given at the Wheat Pool Ladies' most enjoyable annual dinner, held last week in one of the new dining rooms of the Wales Hotel, Calgary. Each of the thirty-odd women present gave a brief description of her own district, and in most cases patriotically extolled its points of distinction: "Consort, where we grow hard wheat in good years, and harder wheat in dry years," was one such description.

The gathering stood in silence, in memory of the late Mrs. George Bennett, of Mannville, who had been present on so many similar occasions in the past. For next year, officers elected are Mrs. H. A. Madill, Foremost; Mrs. Ray-Bell, Carstairs; Mrs. J. Hallett, Fleet; and Mrs. R. D. Wishart, Camrose. Mrs. Ben Plumer made a presentation to Mrs. R. O. German, in appreciation of her help in arranging programs for successive gatherings and Mrs. W. Norman Smith brought greetings from **The Western Farm Leader**.

Mrs. George Fawcett, Consort, presided, and Mrs. W. Alton, Fort Saskatchewan, was secretary. Mrs. Leona Flegel Paterson gave a delightful program of readings.

Make Christmas Tree Safe

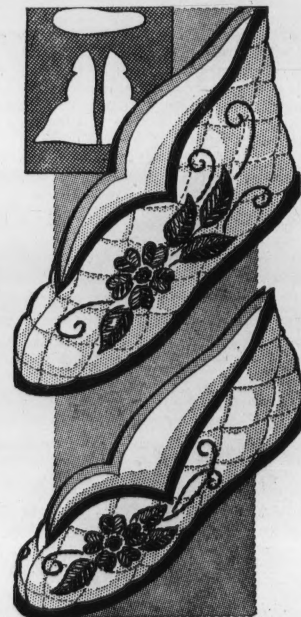
The Christmas tree is filled with pitch and resin, among the most combustible substances known, states the National Board of Fire Underwriters (U.S.). For safety, they recommend using a small tree; keeping it outdoors until a few days before Christmas; placing it in the coolest part of the house; standing it in water; and, when the needles start to drop, discarding it. Candles should never be used, nor cotton or paper decorations on or around the tree; and the electric lights should never be left burning on the tree when no one is at home.

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Pinwheel Sandwiches: Using bread at least one day old, remove crusts and cut thin slices lengthwise. Spread with a mixture of butter, chopped parsley, and a little lemon juice; or cover with very thinly sliced ham, place gherkins across one end; or spread with a mixture of cream cheese and minced sweet pickles; or spread with peanut butter moistened with cream, placing peeled banana across one end. Roll firmly, chill and slice before serving.

Rolled Sandwiches: For these, remove crusts, and slice across loaf, buttering each slice before cutting. Spread with cottage cheese or mayonnaise, lay a stalk of canned asparagus across one edge, and roll. Or, use a small stalk of celery, stuffed with cheese; or one or two sardines, sprinkled with lemon juice.

Strawberry Parfait: For people or meals where the traditional plum pudding and mince pie isn't desirable, try this dessert — it uses the new instant pudding, so it can be made very quickly and easily. Pour into a deep bowl 2 cups chilled milk, and empty into it 1 package of the instant vanilla pudding; beat until smooth, about one minute. In individual dessert dishes arrange alternate layers of pudding and 1 cup of frozen strawberries (or strawberry jam can be used). Let stand until set — about twenty minutes.

Dark Fruit Cake: Cream $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. shortening with $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. brown sugar; add 6 eggs, beaten, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup molasses, 1 cup grape juice. Sift together 2 cups flour, 1 tbs. each cinnamon and nutmeg, $\frac{1}{2}$ tbs. each baking powder, ginger

and cloves. In third bowl, blend 3 lbs. seedless raisins, 1 lb. currants, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. chopped mixed lemon and orange peel and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. chopped citron peel, and add enough of the flour mixture to keep it from sticking together. Combine three mixtures. Line 2 large loaf tins with several thicknesses of waxed paper, greasing inside layer; pour batter in and bake in very slow oven 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Coffee Jelly: Soak 2 tbs. gelatin in $\frac{2}{3}$ cup cold water for five minutes; add 1 cup boiling water and stir until gelatin is dissolved; add $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups strong clear coffee. Chill. Serve with whipped cream.

WORLD POVERTY

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anything at a Peace Conference are dim. Here, too, is stalemate. Korea is likely to continue divided. Armies of occupation will remain indefinitely in both parts of that unhappy country. The U.S., which dominates the counsels of her U.N. allies in Korea, is unwilling to discuss the real issues in Korea, which are Asian, and therefore world issues; the recognition of the People's Democratic Government of Peking as the legitimate government of China; the admission of the said government to the U.N., and to a seat in the Security Council; the future of Formosa, and the relations of the U.S. to Chiang Kai-shek's regime.

Wherever we look in the trouble spots of the world, the same stalemate appears: in Indo-China, in Iran, in the relations of Israel and the Arab States, in the dispute between Egypt and Great Britain over the evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal, in Trieste, and in large parts of Africa.

Great Imaginative Action Needed

What can break these deadlocks which could last for many years? Only some great imaginative action. It cannot come from the generals. I fear that it cannot come from the statesmen, but only from the peoples.

Must the cold war go on indefinitely, darkening all our lives and hopes, always with the threat of a Third World War? Is there not a way out?

It is my firm conviction, which I share with millions, that force alone, the most destructive weapons, atom bombs, etc., cannot defeat communism. Only a superior idea can defeat communism.

Returning to Harold Wilson's proposals, do they not offer a way out of this dilemma? It is generally recognized that despite stalemates and deadlocks, world tensions have diminished, especially since Stalin's death.

Expenditures on defence have already passed their peak and will tend to diminish in the future. Is there not a strong argument for easing these expenditures year by year? President Eisenhower has stated that if disarmament proposals were agreed on, the U.S. would gladly spend generously in helping backward countries, in fighting world poverty, hunger and disease.

Let us not delude ourselves. This is a tremendous problem. It calls for the highest creative imagination, the most thorough planning and co-ordination of effort, the use of our best brains, our most devoted citizens. Immense sums of money cannot be spent immediately. There will have to be a gradual buildup.

What Plan Could Accomplish

This U.N. Plan could accomplish several things at the same time. It would provide markets for all surplus food products on this continent, as well as markets for huge quantities of manufactures. It would prevent any world depression. It would defeat world communism. It would provide an outlet for all the generous impulses of mankind, turn hate into love. It would bring peace to our world. In the final analysis, it is not an

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Is the plan feasible? I think so. Is it practicable? I think so. Will the Western nations adopt it? I leave the question to my readers.

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Another Important Book

I have space to speak briefly of only one other book, **So Little for the Mind**, by Hilda Neatby (Clark, Irwin, \$3.00). It is worthy of a full length review.

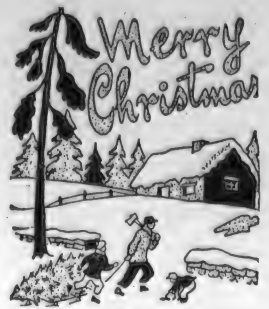
Dr. Hilda Neatby is Professor of History at the University of Saskatchewan. She was a member of the Massey Commission on the Arts, Letters and Sciences. She is a woman of fine intelligence and great charm.

I have not yet seen Dr. Neatby's book; but it is undoubtedly the book of the hour, and is certain of an enthusiastic welcome, especially by all those who are sure that our elementary and secondary schools are failing to give our boys and girls a real education.

Too Little Contact

The controversy over our schools is a continuous one, and this book, which is an indictment of Canadian education, cannot help making an important contribution to the discussion. But I have one observation to make. I doubt if a university professor can

appraise fairly our public schools. There is all too little contact between our teachers and university professors. They live in separate worlds. Until they pool their critical energies, I am doubtful of a constructive and happy issue to this controversy. I am looking forward to reading Dr. Neatby's book.



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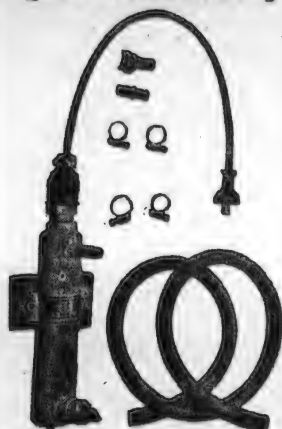
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The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING,
Alberta Wheat Pool

George McIvor, chief commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, gave some interesting information on the world wheat situation while addressing the annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool in Calgary earlier this week.

Wheat production in Europe this year is about 40 to 50 million bushels higher than last year, said Mr. McIvor. Furthermore, most European countries ended the last crop year with substantial inventories of imported wheat. These two factors have had the effect of delaying overseas buying to a later date than normal. Nevertheless, said Mr. McIvor, the Canadian export program is shaping up nicely.

Another factor delaying European imports is the increased use of the combine on overseas farms permitting the harvest to be completed early in the fall whereas in past years the grain was stacked and threshed slowly as the year progressed. This faster method of harvesting has increased early season pressure of domestic crops and European mills have been encouraged to take as much domestic grain as possible during and immediately after their harvests.

Will Need Large Volume

Even after allowing for these factors Mr. McIvor said that Europe will still require a large volume of imported wheat and Canada should get a good share of this market. This country produces the world's best milling wheat and this, he said, is an important factor in an era of increased competition for available markets.

In recent years non-European markets for wheat have become increasingly important, said Mr. McIvor. In the five-year period, 1934-38, 81 per cent of Canadian wheat and flour exports went to Europe, but in the last three years about 63 per cent of our exports went to that region and increasing amounts to Asia, Central and South America and Africa. Japan, in particular, has become an increasingly important market, last year taking 14 million bushels of Canadian wheat and 20 million bushels of barley. It is

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 2nd. — Hogs sold yesterday \$29; sows \$16.50; good lambs \$19 to \$19.75. Good to near choice butcher steers were \$16.50 to \$18, down to \$10 for common; good to near choice heifers \$15 to \$16.50, down to \$10; good cows \$8.25 to \$9, down to \$7 for common; good stocker and feeder steers \$14.50 to \$15.50, down to \$10 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Nov. 30th — Closing quotations last week were choice fed calves \$17.50 to \$19.50; choice steers \$18.75 to \$19.75, down to \$9 for common; choice heifers \$15.75 to \$17.50, down to \$8 for common; good cows \$8.25 to \$9, down to \$6.25 for common; good bulls \$9.25 to \$10. Hogs for local kill sold \$29.10.

The Dairy Market

Special cream, to producers, locally, is still bringing 63 cents; No. 1 is 61, No. 2 is 52, and off-grade 46. First-grade prints, wholesale, are 63.

Egg and Poultry Market

CALGARY, Dec. 2nd. — An increase in egg prices has brought A large, to producers, to 43; medium are 37 and small 30; B's are 32 and C's 24. Dressed chicken, under 3 lbs., are: A 38, B 28, C 18; under 4 lbs., A, 33-35; B 25-29; C, 15-19; 4-5 lbs., are 35 down to 19; over 5, 38 down to 21. Dressed fowl, under 4 lbs., are 23 down to 11, 4-5 lbs., 26 down to 14; and over 5 lbs., 28 down to 16.

a substantial buyer again this year.

Mr. McIvor said the outlook for next year's crop in the United States is uncertain. A severe drought there has recently been broken, but its effect will not be known for some time. In Argentina and Australia the wheat crops which will be harvested in December and January will be substantially smaller than last year.

WHEAT POOL

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Tribute to Late R. D. Purdy

In his report, Mr. Baker referred to the serious loss to the Alberta Wheat Pool occasioned by the passing of its late manager, R. D. Purdy, on March 29th last. For over 28 years Mr. Purdy was manager of this organization, said Mr. Baker, and in that period he gave of his strength and ability to its development with a devotion that is rarely seen.

Mr. Baker was appointed manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool last June. He said that his time and attention were taken up with his considerable farming interest in the Nemiskam district and he was hesitant to undertake the management of a great farmer-owned co-operative with 486 country elevators and 2 terminals, besides other properties having a total capital investment of nearly \$17 million. But his experience as Pool delegate and director over the years has convinced him of the great usefulness of the organization to the grain producers of this province, and the offer of the board of directors presented a challenge and a great opportunity to be of service to the farm people.

Monument to Vision and Foresight

Said Mr. Baker: "After thirty years, which included the early period of experiment and struggle, the crisis caused by the overpayment in 1929, the anxieties of the years of drastically low prices and the depression, the Alberta Wheat Pool stands strong and vigorous; an organization enjoying a respected place among the greater enterprises that are giving Canada an increasing importance among the nations of the world; giving new dignity to the farming industry, and to the farmer grounds for a heartening sense of achievement; a monument to the vision and foresight of those who brought it into being and have fostered its growth; and an inspiring example of what can be achieved through intelligent co-operation."

"Although justly proud of what has

been accomplished, we cannot rest on our laurels of the past. It is for us, now, so to carry on that the future may be worthy of the past. To this end I assure you my best endeavours will be devoted and I hope my efforts will justify the confidence placed in me, and prove worthy of the continuation of the loyal support and co-operation so richly deserved and so wholeheartedly given my predecessor."

To Distribute to Members \$2,479,639

The delegates decided to distribute to farmer members \$2,479,639 out of total earnings of \$2,690,737. Of that total \$1,083,455 will be distributed in cash and the balance in reserves. The ownership of the Wheat Pool rests in the reserves.

Patronage dividends on deliveries to Alberta Pool country elevators by members in the 1952-53 crop year will be on the basis of 4 1/4 cents a bushel for wheat, of which 1 cent will be in cash and the balance in reserves; 2 1/2 cents a bushel for oats, barley, flax and rye of which 1/2 cent a bushel will be in cash and the balance in reserves.

Redemption of Reserves

Approximately \$500,000 was allocated for the redemption of reserves from members who have retired from farming and are not now possessed of any farm land; and from estates of deceased members.

The building plan for the coming year, as adopted by the delegates, will entail an expenditure of over \$1,200,000 for expansion of country facilities.

A sum of \$125,000 was allocated for the completion of the dust control systems being installed in the Pool terminal at Vancouver, total cost of which is \$500,000.

Smithfield Show in December

LONDON, Eng. — The Smithfield Show and Agricultural Machinery Exhibition, the largest agricultural show of its kind in the world, takes place in London December 7th to 11th.

Poor Seed Means Poor Crops

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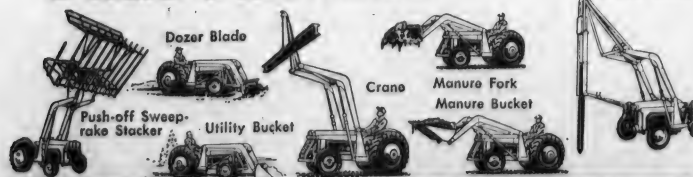
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WORLD CHRONICLE

Nov. 19th. — U.S. State Department makes second request to question Gouzenko. Bonn reports increased West German trade with China. In Tokyo, Nixon urges re-arming of Japan.

Nov. 20th. — U.S. will give Canada and Britain late information on effects of its atomic weapons.

Nov. 21st. — F.A.O. experts urge "more selective approach to agricultural expansion." With Douglas Skyrocket, U.S. test pilot claims speed of 1,327 miles per hour.

Nov. 22nd. — In one-party election, Yugoslavia endorses Tito regime.

Nov. 23rd. — F.A.O. world conference begins in Rome. Italy agrees to five-power conference on Trieste. Queen Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh begin 50,000 - mile Commonwealth tour. Gouzenko case is "political blackmail" by U.S. Senate committee, charges Liberal M.P. David Croll; calls on Eisenhower to repudiate "smear" attacks on Lester Pearson. Eisenhower calls for end of "character assassination" by stealth methods.

Nov. 24th. — McCarthy in broadcast speech says Eisenhower to the contrary notwithstanding, communism will be election issue next year; says Truman administration was "crawling with Communists." UN vote censures Israel for Oct. 14th raid on Arabian village.

Nov. 25th. — Ottawa offers secret meeting with Gouzenko to any person appointed by U.S.; Canadian government to decide on statements to be made public. Senator Jenner says his committee would have to use its "usual discretion." In U.K. Commons, some Conservatives oppose Government decision not to increase pensions of officers of First World War; revolt of peers led by Lord Halifax against Government policy of privately owned television. Hong Kong report credits Peking regime with big advances in military strength, flood control, rail transport; finds little progress in other fields.

Nov. 26th. — In press conference Molotov says meeting of heads of state of "Big Four" is possible. Eight of Britain's biggest contracting firms will make combined bid on St. Lawrence Seaway project. Budapest newspapers jubilant over Hungarian defeat of England in football. Russian note proposes meeting of Big Four foreign ministers in Berlin.

Nov. 27th. — John Blackmore, Alberta M.P., comes to defence of McCarthy. Churchill will take top experts on Germany to Bermuda conference, says London report.

Nov. 29th. — Offer of Indo-Chinese Communists to negotiate armistice published in Stockholm newspaper.

Nov. 30th. — Gouzenko announces decision not to be interviewed by U.S. Senate committee; says he has no new information on any spy ring.

Dec. 1st. — Private wheat trading resumed in Liverpool. Dulles deplores McCarthy's proposal to stop rearmament aid to countries that trade with China. British M.P. says Peking flooded with U.S. cars, adds, "What's good for General Motors should be good for Britain." U.S. charges of Communist atrocities in Korea are "falsification" declares Vishinsky.

Dec. 2nd. — Churchill arrives at Bermuda by air for meetings with Eisenhower and Laniel, to begin Friday.

New Commissioner



Reported in our last issue was the appointment as a commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board of W. Earle Robertson, shown above. Other members of the Board are George McIvor, chief commissioner, W. C. McNamara, assistant chief commissioner and W. Riddell. Mr. Robertson was with the Alberta Pacific Grain Co. for 14 years, became manager in Calgary in 1943, assistant general manager of Federal Grain, Ltd., in 1949, and held this position until his recent appointment.

BOOKS (Continued from Page 7)

"It's getting late, you will have to hurry or you won't half finish before morning," said Piney. "Come along, Charles, you tie the books on Piney while I tell you about them . . . Here is *Sandra and the Right Prince*, about a princess who refused to have her father the King pick out the prince she was to marry. And here is another magic book . . . Piney, do you remember *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*? Well, here are two that come after it — *Prince Caspian* and *The Dawn Treader*. My goodness, they are exciting stories. *Pippi Longstocking* comes next — put it high up, Charles, it has such a nice, bright cover. Poor Pippi, she was a regular little mischief, she wouldn't go to school or eat or wash . . . but she lived all alone so it didn't matter. And here comes old *Rufus the Seafaring Rat* . . . only he wasn't old when this story was written, he was only a tiny little rat who wouldn't desert his ship . . . what a dreadful experience he had."

"Not so fast, Charles, I can't hold more than two at one time, especially when they are big as these — *The Daughter of the Mountains* and *Voyage of the Luna*. The first is about a little girl who lived in Tibet and had her dog stolen by a band of brigands — do you know about brigands, Charles? Robbers, that's what they are. And the second book is about three children who get inside a space ship and take off to the moon."

"I think that is all I can possibly hold, Petunia", groaned Piney, "but I am happy now, and I know this will be the very Best Christmas we ever had."

"One more," said Petunia sleepily, as she drew the very last book from the box, "No one could call it a really truly perfect Christmas without *Charlotte's Web*. "No indeed," muttered Charles, "why Charlotte was only a spider but she made Wilbur the most famous pig in the country."

"Yes," smiled the lovely Christmas Tree, "Charlotte was so little . . . but she was truly great."

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Oh yes, and according to our office cynic, at some Christmas parties you may find that not all the nuts come from Brazil.

ORDER YOUR MISTLETOE EARLY

An Edmonton reader asks: "Is kissing under the mistletoe strictly O.K.? I can never decide whether to kiss or not."

Ans.: Kiss with confidence, for Emily Post, who is always right in these things says: "Kissing under the mistletoe is an age-old custom and is in perfectly good taste." And so "to kiss or not to kiss" is no longer the question.

That is, chortles, the Bad Egg from Crow's Nest, provided the lipstick the gals are using is also in good taste.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Remember: The Christmas tree should always be bright but never ablaze.

And Nan of Nanton thinks this is

a good time of the year to remind us that wars cost billions; goodwill, nothing.

Bedtime story for parents: Toys will cost about half what they did last year. Now go to sleep mummy and daddy.

According to Chuck of Chuckawalla, Christmas is a time of real generosity, and so, don't just send the trimmings; send the turkey.

And Fern of Fernie chimes in: "This Christmas I'm having a regular turkey myself and sending a larger one to a neighbor but haven't decided which neighbor."

Atta girl, Fern. We wished we'd lived across the street from you.

Nunno, Algernon, there is no truth in the rumor that the Alberta Government Liquor Control Board will give away absolutely free, gratis and for nothing, a micky of the best brandy (to pour over the Christmas pudding) with each festive order of \$5 or over. That is what is known as a Christmas fairy tale.

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

Speaking of turkeys, a San Fran-

Noel in Carols

"O Little Town of Bethleheh" —

Where Joseph took his wife,
And Christ, the Savior of mankind,
Began his earthly life.

"While Shepherds watched their flocks by Night"

An angel came to say,
As round about them shone a light,
That "Christ was born that day."

"From the Realms of Glory, Angels"

Their sweet refrain sang then,
"In the Highest, to God, Glory,
Godwill and peace to men!"

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Christ the Savior came,
Each year rings the old, old story
Yet beautiful, the same.

William Griffiths Jones, Ponoka

disco cookery expert says a twenty-five pound turkey, with careful management, can be made to serve four persons on Christmas Day. That gal not only knows her cookery, she also has a very proper and precise understanding of the word "feast".

WE HAVEN'T AN INVITATION

Our Society Editor tells us that this is the time of the year when Captain Morgan and Johnnie Walker go to an awful lot of parties.

New York hostess warns that frequently too little attention is paid to the quality of coffee served after Christmas dinner. And Mary of Car-bon reports: "Of course the coffee should be extra special for the occasion, but 'Wouldn't you rather have Four Roses?'" We'd like both, Mary.

Our spy up at Edmonton informs us that it is due solely to a shortage of fountain pens and ink that the provincial government will not be able to write a special Christmas Social Credit dividend cheque for each of its citizens until 1987.

THEM WERE THE DAYS

Philotus . . . used to tell my grandfather Lamprias that, having some acquaintance with one of the royal cooks, he was invited by him, being a young man, to come and see the sumptuous preparations for supper. So he was taken into the kitchen, where he admired the prodigious variety of all things; but particularly seeing eight wild boars roasting whole, says he, "Surely you have a great number of guests." The cook laughed at his simplicity, and told him there were not above twelve to sup . . .

—Plutarch, Life of Antony.

J. T. L., Edmonton, sends this one: When the caller rang the doctor's bell, the door was opened by the small daughter.

"Is your father at home?" asked the caller pleasantly.

"No, sir," replied the child. "He's out at the moment performing an emergency appendectomy."

"Goodness," said the visitor, "that's a big word for a little girl like you to use. Do you know what it means?"

"Oh, yes," came the reply. "It means two hundred and fifty dollars."

SPEAKING OF ATOMS

According to the London Evening Standard, something like fifty songs about atomic energy have been copyrighted in the U.S., including Atom Bounce, Atom Boogie and Up and At 'Em With Our Atom. But just the same, we'll bet that songs about love still lead.

Ah yes, and how many years ago is it since the poet Alexander Pope wrote:

Who sees with equal eye, as God
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A hero perish, or a sparrow fall,
Atoms or systems into ruin hurled,
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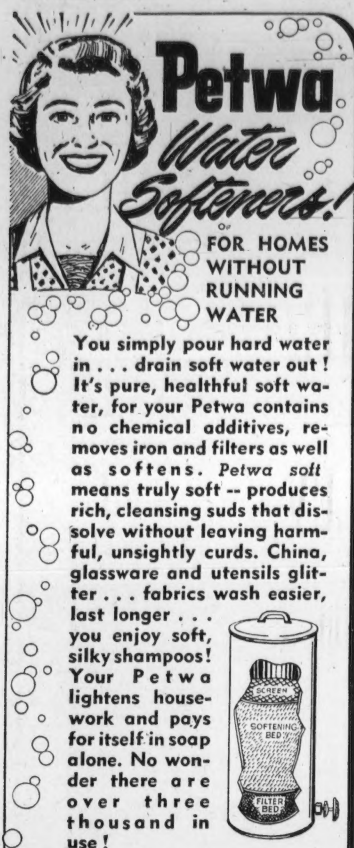
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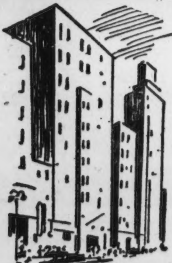


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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet
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Current Assets:

Cash	\$ 550,294
Bonds—Dominion of Canada—at Cost	2,351,250
Stocks of grain and coal	38,286,725
Advances, accounts and accrued items receivable	<u>1,177,680</u>
Total current assets	\$42,365,949

Current Debts:

Outstanding cheques, cash tickets, etc.	\$ 9,256,264
Bank loans	25,350,000
Advances, accounts and accrued items payable	<u>960,167</u>
Earnings for current season less prepaid taxes	2,648,437
Total current debts	\$38,214,868

Current debts deducted from current assets leaves working capital of \$ 4,151,081

Fixed Assets:

Buildings and equipment	\$16,921,483
Less:—Depreciation	<u>11,263,376</u>
Net value	\$ 5,658,107

Other Assets:

Shares, memberships, deferred expenses, etc.	\$ 425,674
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Net value of all assets after deducting current debts 10,234,862

Deduct mortgage liabilities 300,000

Members' Equity \$ 9,934,862

Reserves and Surplus

Reserves held by members	\$ 7,478,788
Surplus	<u>2,456,074</u>

Members' Equity in assets as shown above \$ 9,934,862